made by Amnesty International has not led to any significant number of individuals writing to the Government. The Government's policy is not respond to such communications which contain allegations unsupported by factual evidence.

Filling up vacant Posts in Kashmir

203 SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has stated that unemployed youth of the Kashmir Valley will be recruited to fill the posts that have fallen vacant due to the continued absence of a large number of Government employees in the Valley, as a result of deteriorated law and order situation there;

(b) what are the norms for recruitment and whether any one of the absentees would be suspended;

(c) whether an intensive screening would be done by appropriate authorities of each candidate;

(d) whether the present absence of employees in due to the tense law and order situation in the Valley; and whether it would be proper to deem their posts as vacant and treat them as ex-employees; and

(e) if so, the policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) Many migrant employees are reluctant to return to the Valley, with a view to enabling the Govt. establishments to function effectively, some vacancies caused by such migrant employees are being filled through recruitment of local Kashmiri youths. The migrant employees are being temporarily adjusted elsewhere Their interests, and when as they return, will not be affected adversely.

Statement of ULFA

204. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press statement issued by the United Liberation Front of Assam that it is preparing for an armed conflict with the Indian State, and that it has a link with the extremists in Punjab;

(b) whether the AGP Government and Party launched a 12 hour strike on June 27, 1990 to protest against the Central Government's alleged indifference to Assam's demands; and

(c) whether Government have evolved any strategy to deal with problems in Assam and the North-east?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A bandh was observed in Assam on June 27, 1990 on the call of the AGP to protest against the alleged apathetic attitude of the Centre towards the State.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Deployment of NSG

205. SHRI M. M. JACOB:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NSG is to be deployed selectively in sensitive areas; and

(b) if so, whether Government would avoid deployment of army for internal security duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) NSG is a specially trained Force and is deployed only for specific task requiring such specialised training. Deployment of other forces is done according to need.